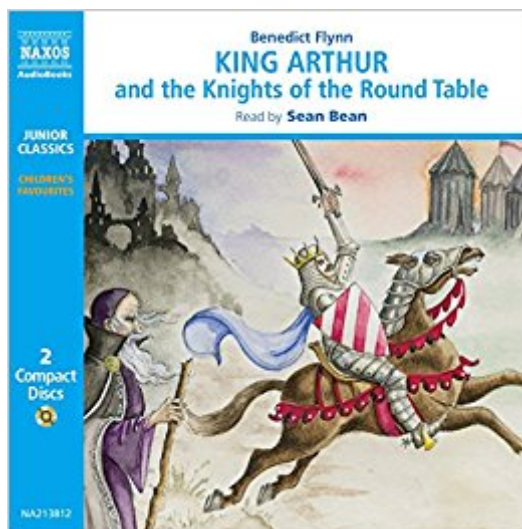


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Customer Reviews

[â] I persuaded them [my children] to try one last story: King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table read by Sean Bean. Written by Benedict Flynn, this is part of Naxos AudioBooks' series billed as 'Classical Literature with Classical Music'. [â] Within minutes, silence descended. I'd like to say this was because they were entranced by the story, but it had more to do with Sean Bean's voice. For two and a half hours, they were spellbound - and, of course, the moment it ended, they wanted to listen to the whole thing again. The only interruption was when Sasha complained that Benedict Flynn had got the story wrong. "Merlin isn't an old man," she scoffed. "He's a teenage boy." It took all my persuasive powers to convoke her that the version of the legend we were listening to predated the BBC television series named after the wizard. --Toby Young, The Spectator

Benedict Flynn's imaginative retellings of classic stories have reintroduced characters such as King Arthur and Robin Hood to a new generation of children. He lives in Great Britain.

Over the years my family purchased more than thirty Naxos Junior Classics. The discs were wonderful to listen to on the way to school and other long car rides. Both the kids and the adults in my family loved the Naxos stories and we learned so much over the years. King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is our favorite Naxos title. It is read by Sean Bean, whose lyrical voice lures the listener into a faraway land. My children were totally mesmerized each of the many times we listened to this story, and I was, too! Any Arthurian tale will naturally contain fighting and sorcery. This title also has the added element of romance, with the affair of Lancelot and Guinevere. We found it to be appropriate for our children, but some parents may be uncomfortable with the content. My family truly enjoyed the Naxos audio collection and I hope your family will, too!

Bought as a gift for an 8 yo in 3rd grade who likes castles and knights and medieval things in general (yeah, yeah, Arthurian legend more Dark Ages). I liked the CD inclusion because it meant he could listen to the book. Turned out to be a very good thing, as he would've struggled with pronouncing some of the words and quickly lost interest. I think rating it for grades 2-4 was a bit ambitious in that respect. Maybe for grades 5-6, because as it turned out, the vocabulary was too advanced for him, so he pronounced it *a stupid book* (ungrateful snot!) and will probably never look at it again. Can't win 'em all.

As others have mentioned, it's truly Sean Bean's narration that sets this recording apart. He does a fabulous job making the story come alive and, well, his voice is just utterly lovely as well. I agree with a previous reviewer that the music left something to be desired (perhaps, in fact, simply that it had been left out). The music is more often distracting -- and occasionally inappropriate to the story -- than not. But I'm still giving the recording 5 stars because otherwise it's so wonderful and oughtn't be missed. For listening with kids... My 2nd grader has been equally enchanted as I, and has been asking to drive out of our way just to listen to more. As with any telling of the Arthur tales, there's the opportunity for a fair amount of sexual content. What is said is basically between the lines, but very clear for older listeners. It would probably go over most children's heads, as it has my son, but some parents might feel it's inappropriate for children. There are encounters that lead to children, kisses that signal infidelity, women lying on beds and men who "love" them. Nothing is described in detail, but some parents might be uncomfortable with the conversations that could arise. Most of the familiar stories are here: the sword in the stone, Excalibur and the Lady of the Lake, Gawain and the green knight, the lady of Shalott, Lancelot's love for Guinevere, Sir Galahad and the "perilous" seat,

the quest for the Holy Grail, Morgana Le Fay (entirely wicked, as is traditional, in this version)... Overall, I feel it's an excellent introduction to the tales. And so beautiful to listen to!

Really great listening for children that will entertain adults too. Sean Bean's reads the story wonderfully.

A beautiful story. I love it. A withered man who protects Arthur at the end as he sleeps. Morgana le Fey, his arch-enemy, who plotted against Arthur. Highly recommended for you to read E-books in the kindle bookstore. I am going to read in the near future more E-books from Naxos AudioBooks. Excellent work!! Thank you very much.

I ordered this book for my 8 year old son who suffers from Dyslexia. It was suggested by a specialist that we get him books that he can read WHILE he's listening to the story. I was so excited to receive this book. The binding is wonderful and high quality. It will last. It has a pocket in the back of the book to hold the CD, so nothing gets lost. But most importantly, to me, was the printing. Its a larger, more spaced, font. MUCH easier for my son to read and follow along with. There's not huge paragraphs on each page, discouraging him. I LOVE THIS (and the Peter Pan) BOOK! I do have to say though, that I have NOT listened to it yet as it's a Christmas present. But, I'm sure that it's just as great!

I've just finished reading this to my 3 sons as a follow on from the Dark is rising series. 10 year old twins and an 8 year old were all engaged with the pace, the detail and the language. Very suitable and appropriate for their age. An excellent re telling of the story that covered all the necessary points.

There is nothing better than to hear an epic story with Sean Bean's beautiful voice. I love the story and know children will as well. He is a great reader and knows when and how to emphasize important parts of expression. I hope he does more readings like this. He's fabulous.

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